The Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees held its Annual Meeting on September 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Present were President Charles “Ren” Reed, Vice President Merry Dunn-Brown, Library Director Valerie Acklin, Treasurer Michael Frank, Secretary Christian W. Rohrs, Christine Pesses, Richard Carlson, Gregory Niforos, Sue Shrader, Karen Pepper, and Leader-Herald reporter Ashley Onyon.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

When asked for public comment, there was none. Mr. Reed asked for a motion to begin the annual meeting. Mrs. Pesses made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carlson. All voted with “aye.”

Mr. Reed asked Mr. Frank to review the Annual Financial Report with the Trustees. Mr. Frank informed the Trustees that the Library had received our GASB 68 information from the NYS Pension System and that we had to book an additional Deferred Liability of approximately $165,000. This does not affect our current cash position. Mr. Frank also informed the Trustees that we would be receiving a cash refund from the Internal Revenue Service of approximately $46,000 on our second quarter payroll report since we continued to pay our employee’s wages and medical insurance during our closing and limited service due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Frank asked the Trustees if anyone had any questions about the Annual Financial Report. Hearing none, Mr. Carlson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Pesses, to accept the Annual Financial Report as presented. This was approved all voting “aye.”

Ms. Acklin delivered the Community Report for the annual meeting. She acknowledged the hectic nature of the present crisis; however, the numbers presented in the Community Report indicate the community has utilized the library regularly during the closure. Such participation includes (but is not limited to) virtual programming and virtual children’s programs. Ms. Acklin discussed the vigorous work of the staff toward services and collections, meanwhile acknowledging the efforts of the staff toward welcoming the community back into the library.

At 6:55, Mr. Reed asked for discussion or questions regarding the annual meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Dunn-Brown made a motion to adjourn, with a second motion made by Mr. Rohrs. The board approved with a vote of “aye.”

Respectfully submitted,

Christian W. Rohrs